

# *Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association*

**1910**

**ELDER J. F. MILLS,**  
MODERATOR.

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# MINUTES

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## *Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association*

Spring and Fall  
Sessions,  
1910

Twenty-sixth Spring Session, held with the Church at Concord, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1910. Also of the Seventy-ninth Annual or Fall Session, held with the Church at Liberty, Union county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1910.

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**PROCEEDINGS.****SPRING SESSION.**

CONCORD, N. C., April 30, 1910.

Service commenced at 11 o'clock with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn, and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder P. D. Gold; text, Acts 17:28.

Intermission one hour.

Then the ministers and messengers convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder W. T. Broadway.

The business of the day was then begun, with Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for letters from the several churches. They were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, the reading clerk.

2. Reappointed Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.

5. Appointed a committee of arrangements as follows: Brethren Aaron Furr, H. M. Baucom, J. D. Carricker, with the Moderator and Clerk.

6. That Elders P. D. Gold, C. A. Davis, J. A. Ashburn, J. E. Williams and B. L. Treece preach at the stand tomorrow, service to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

7. Adjourned till Monday at 9:30 a. m.

While the association was in session in the house, preaching service was conducted at the stand by Elders Ashburn and Davis. Elder Davis' text, 131st Psalm; Elder Ashburn's text, last verse of 5th chapter of Romans.

**Sunday, May 1st.**

Assembled at the stand at 10 a. m. Elder C. A. Davis preached first, from St. John 17:38; then Elder P. D. Gold, from Genesis 45:28, followed by Elder J. A. Ashburn, who preached from Hebrews 1:1.

Intermission one hour.

Then service continued by Elder J. E. Williams from St. John 6:47, and closed by Elder B. L. Treece from the words, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The spirit of the Lord was with the ministers and the saints were much rejoiced in spirit, and we believe the Lord was honored and glorified in these services.



**Monday Morning, May 2nd.**

Assembled in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder T. M. Standley.

8. Called on committee of arrangements to report. The same was read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers, noted absentees, and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder W. T. Broadway, from Abbott's Creek, appeared and signified their wish to continue our correspondence; also there were present from Abbott's Creek as visitors Brethren A. L. Owens, R. F. Strange, A. N. Surrat, P. M. Foster, Pink Williams, Pink Broadway; Elder C. A. Davis, visitor from Salem; Elder T. M. Stanley and Brother Foster Beam, visitors from Silver Creek; Elder J. A. Ashburn, visitor from Fisher's River; and Elder P. D. Gold, visitor from Wilson—all of whom were welcomed and seated with us. Also a file of minutes from the Mountain district.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Henry Taylor reported that he and others appointed, attended Mill Branch and had good meeting.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. No reports.

13. That we return thanks to God, this church, and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

14. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes.

While the association was in session in the house, preaching was conducted at the stand by Elders T. M. Standley, W. T. Broadway and J. A. Ashburn. This was a very pleasant meeting throughout. Harmony and peace prevailed and much love and christian fellowship manifested. There were two received into the church at Concord at the close of the meeting. May peace continue.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1910.

Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, L. Vanhoy, Elder J. E. Williams.

Bethany—By letter.

Broom's Grove—Elder W. R. Helms, T. M. Broom.

Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, J. M. Austin, C. T. Mills.

Clark's Grove—S. B. Tucker, J. L. Helms, E. Barbee.

Concord—Wm. Whitley, J. D. Carricker, D. S. Blake.

Freedom—Elder Jesse Brown\*, C. S. Medlin\*, A. J. Dees\*.

High Hill—C. A. Helms, W. E. Williams, J. J. Hill\*.

Jerusalem—W. A. Helms, T. F. Mills, J. W. Godwin\*.

Jones Hill—W. H. Howard, A. A. Morton, R. T. Burrus.

Liberty—By letter.

Liberty Hill—Elder H. M. Williams, A. G. Helms.

Lawyer's Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, C. B. Edwards.

Meadow Creek—J. A. Barbee, Sr., H. Shoe, D. M. Hathcock.

Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, Paul Sasley, J. E. Russell.

Pleasant Hill—E. J. Liles, J. M. Hartsell, H. P. Cashion.

Pleasant Grove—C. E. Griffin, T. A. Helms, J. A. Jones.

Union Grove—T. F. Hill, Joe Baucom.

Watson—E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis.

Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. B. Burrus, Alvey Howard.

Running Creek—J. H. McClure, W. H. Hattey, W. M. Almond.

Wadesboro—W. A. Dry, A. D. Maness, Adam Green.

Absentees marked thus \*.

**PROCEEDINGS.****FALL SESSION.**

LIBERTY, UNION COUNTY, N. C.,  
October 1, 1910.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m. Praise and prayer by Elder Jesse Brown. Introductory sermon preached by Elder B. L. Treece; text, 3rd verse of 126 Psalm.

Intermission one hour.

Then assembled in the house, praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, and proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for and read letters from the several churches and their status noted (Brother H. M. Baucom acting as reading clerk).

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements Brethren J. F. Green, S. L. Mullis and Aaron Furr, with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed on committee of finance Brethren S. A. Helms and H. M. Baucom.

7. Elected Elders B. L. Treece, J. F. Mills, C. A. Davis and J. E. Williams to preach at the stand tomorrow, service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned till Monday at 9:30 a. m.

Saturday while the association was in session in the house, there was preaching at the stand, first by Elder C. A. Davis; text, "Art thou the Christ or shall we look for another." He was followed by Elder Jesse Brown from Ephesians 4:5-6.

**Sunday Morning, October 2nd.**

Service opened at the stand at 10 o'clock by Elder J. E. Williams; text, St. John 21:16. He was followed by Elder B. L. Treece from Revelation 14:13.

Intermission one hour.

After which Elder C. A. Davis preached from II. Samuel 22:2-3. Elder Mills spoke a short while and dismissed the services. There were present a large and attentive congregation and good order prevailed, which speaks well for this community.



**Monday Morning, October 3rd.**

The association assembled in the house pursuant to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder Robert Helms, then proceeded to business, the Moderator presiding.

1. Called on committee of arrangements to report. The same was read and adopted.

2. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees, and read Rules of Decorum.

3. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder C. A. Davis, of the newly formed association in this State, appeared and on behalf of Salem Association asked for a correspondence with the Bear Creek Association, which was agreed to, and he was seated. Brother Nathaniel Tucker was present as messenger from Abbott's Creek, and Brother Foster Beam from Silver Creek, with minutes from Silver Creek and Abbott's Creek. (Let our corresponding associations please send us one copy at least for each of our churches, which is now 22 in number).

Visiting brethren present were Henry Tucker of Abbott's Creek and J. T. Greer of High Point.

4. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Henry Taylor reported that he and Elder Walter Edwards attended Mill Branch and were received and had good meeting. Elder H. M. Williams reported that he attended Silver Creek and was received in like manner.

5. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows:

To Salem—Elders J. E. Williams, Robert Helms, and file of minutes

To Mill Branch—Elders J. F. Mills, Jesse Brown, and file of minutes.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, Brother D. B. Howard, and file of minutes.

To Silver Creek—Elders Robert Helms, H. M. Williams, and file of minutes.

To Senter—Elder H. M. Williams, and file of minutes.

To Mountain district—Elder H. M. Williams, and file of minutes.

6. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that he and Deacons G M. Tucker and J. A. Barbee formed a Presbytery at Running Creek on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1910, and ordained Brother J. H. McClure a deacon of that church; and also further reported that he and Brother J. A. Barbee formed

a Presbytery at Liberty Hill church on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1910, and ordained Brother C. W. Safley to the deaconship of that church.

7. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported funds on hand, \$1.80.

8. Finance committee report sent up this year \$30.90—total, \$32.70.

9. That we, the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, now in session, state that the printer of our 1909 minutes made the 7th and 8th sections of our Articles of Faith read wrong, and that this is a public notice and correction of said error; and that our clerk is hereby requested to have our Articles of Faith in their original form and intent printed and attached to these minutes, and also the Rules of Decorum.

(NOTE—See latter part of this minute).

10. That our next Spring session be held with the church at Broom's Grove, Union county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1911, and that Elder B. L. Treece be appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. F. Mills alternate. And that the Fall or annual session convene with the church at Watson, Union county, N. C., and commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1911, and that Elder J. E. Williams preach the introductory sermon; Elder Treece alternate.

11. That the Clerk ask Elder P. D. Gold to publish notices of above sessions in The Landmark.

12. That the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed, distributed as usual, and that we allow him the sum of \$8.00 for services.

13. The association donated \$2.00 out of minute fund as a present to our moderator, Elder Mills.

14. That we return thanks to God, this church, and the people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

15. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk,  
Marshville, N. C.

Monday while the association was in session in the house, Elders C. A. Davis and B. L. Treece conducted service at the stand, and thus closed a most harmonious and pleasant session of the Bear Creek Association.

# STATISTICAL TABLE—FALL SESSION, 1910.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Experience & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	In Fellowship	Communion Sunday	Contributions
Bear Creek	Aaron Furr	Bloomington, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1st Aug.	\$ 1 50
Bethany	Miss J. P. Jones	No. 2, Wadesboro, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	3rd Aug.	85
Broom's Grove	S. A. Helms	Monroe, N.C.	3	1	1	1	1	1	4th Oct.	1 00
Crooked Creek	H. E. Rowell	No. 1, Indian Trail, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	3rd July	1 50
Clark's Grove	J. L. Helms	No. 1, Big Lick, N.C.	11	9	1	1	1	1	2nd July	1 10
Concord	D. S. Blake	Concord, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1 00
Freedom	A. J. Dees	Whitley, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	4th Sept.	75
High Hill	S. A. Helms	Monroe, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1st Sept.	2 00
Howard's Chapel	P. A. Howard	No. 1, Norwood, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	27 3rd Sept.	1 50
Jones Hill	J. A. Little	Big Lick, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	3rd July	1 50
Jerusalem	J. W. Godwin	No. 2, Marshville, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 2nd Aug.	1 50
Liberty	S. W. Eason	Stouts, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	16 4th Aug.	1 30
Liberty Hill	C. W. Safley	Bridgport, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	124 4th July	1 80
Lawyer's Spring	J. W. Jones	No. 1, Marshville, N.C.	3	1	1	1	1	1	82 1st Aug.	2 85
Meadow Creek	D. M. Hathcock	Locust Level, N.C.	3	1	1	1	1	1	126 3rd Aug.	1 50
Mountain Creek	J. E. Russell	No. 2, Albemarle, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	16 2nd Sept.	1 50
Pleasant Hill	H. P. Cashion	No. 2, Mooresville, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	123 4th June	2 00
Pleasant Grove	T. A. Helms	Marshville, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	115 2nd July	1 25
Running Grove	G. M. Tucker	No. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N.C.	2	1	1	1	1	1	211 2nd Aug.	1 25
Union Grove	I. N. Medlin	Monroe, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	23 2nd Sept.	1 50
Watson	S. L. Mullis	Sincerity, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	23 4th May	1 50
Wadesboro	Adam Green	Wadesboro, N.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1 10
Totals			28 17	1	4	4	10	466		\$30 90

Absentees marked thus \*.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1910.**

Sent up by the churches this year -----	\$30.90	
Left over from last year -----	1.80	
Total -----		\$32.70
For printing these minutes -----	\$18.00	
Donation to Elder Mills -----	2.00	
Allowance to Clerk -----	8.00	
Total paid out -----	\$28.00	28.00
Left in Treasury -----		\$ 4.70

**ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.**

Elder J. F. Mills -----	Marshville, N. C.
Elder A. G. Morton -----	Palestine, N. C.
Elder J. E. Williams -----	Bloomington, N. C.
Elder Jesse Brown -----	Cagles Mill, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms -----	Mooreville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams -----	Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder Walter Edwards -----	Wingage, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor -----	Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece -----	Albemarle, N. C.



## ARTICLES of FAITH.

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ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity. •

ART. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

ART. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

ART. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

ART. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

ART. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

ART. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

ART. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

ART. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

ART. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

ART. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

## RULES *of* DECORUM.

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1. A moderator, or chief speaker, and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry and criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this association shall be reprov'd by the association in any way they may think proper.



